## Resolution #TC-1957 Hazmat route designation

## Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission adopted Policy Directive 1903.0 which establishes a process for CDOT to consider local government and private business requests to analyze changes to Colorado's hazardous materials routes; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Washington and Yuma County have formally requested that CDOT analyze the inclusion of U.S. 36, from SH 71 East to the Kansas State line as an officially approved hazardous materials route; and

WHEREAS, CDOT's Hazardous Materials Route Advisory Team, utilizing the process outlined in Procedural Directive 1903.1 have considered the request and found the following:

- The route is feasible, practicable, and not unreasonably expensive for such transportation, and will allow more options to hazmat transporters and will not have a negative impact on the industry; and
- The route is continuous through all affected jurisdictions; including Washington and Yuma Counties; and
- Approval of the route will provide greater safety to the public; and

WHEREAS, CDOT staff and the Colorado State Patrol's hazardous materials team covering Northeast Colorado met with each county's disaster management staff and the volunteer fire chiefs covering the U.S. 36 corridor, and that meeting generated consensus that CDOT should approve the request and petition the Colorado State Patrol for route approval; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission understands the Colorado State Patrol will be holding public meetings in the impacted area to gauge public sentiment for the change prior to making a final decision; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission instructs CDOT staff to formally petition the Colorado State Patrol to include U.S. 36, from SH 71 East to the Kansas State line as an officially designated hazardous materials route.

Herman Stockinger, Secretary

Transportation Commission of Colorado